

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-7, 9-10, 13, 17-18, 20-22, and 31-48 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4, 8, 11-12, 14-16, 19, and 23-30 have been canceled. Eighteen new claims have been added. New claims are 31-48.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

Claims 2 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 2 and 14 are now canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-12 and 18-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Terri Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,707,400). Claims 13-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Terri Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,622,041).

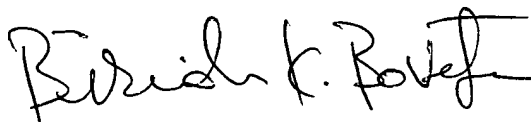
Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Applicant submits that Terry Jr. et al. '400 and '041 do not teach all the claim limitations such as providing therapy for atrial fibrillation, providing therapy for inappropriate sinus tachycardia, remote communications, and at least one predetermined program.

With the above amendments, Applicant submits that the claims are now in proper form, and the amended claims are patentably distinct over the prior art. Applicant respectfully requests an indication of allowability for the pending claims.

If there are any significant concern's regarding the pending claims, the Applicant requests an interview with both the Primary Examiner and the Assistant Examiner.

Further, if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, or if the Examiner feels that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Birinder K. Boveja". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Birinder" being more prominent.

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